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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO AMCONSUL MUNICH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5796

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, RO

SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU-FOR-LIFE- EFFORT

REF: (A) MUNICH 1941; (B) BUCHAREST 5423; (C) BUCHAREST 5405

1. ARGES COUNTY PAPER CITED REFTEL (A) CONTAINS NO REFERENCES TO CEAUSESCU-FOR-LIFE PROPOSAL BY ANY OF THE PARTY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. FIRST SECRETARY ION DINCA DID CALL FOR CEAUSESCU'S RE-ELECTION AS RCP SECRETARY-GENERAL, BUT NOT FOR LIFE. NEWSPAPER STATES THAT OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AGREED WITH DINCA'S PROPOSAL. HOWEVER COVERAGE OF THEIR STATEMENTS IS ABRIDGED AND IT THEREFORE IMPOSSIBLE DETERMINE IF "FOR LIFE" PROPOSAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD. ELENA CEAUSESCU DID ATTEND ARGES PARTY CONFERENCE AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CENTRAL PARTY ORGANS AS REPORTED IN THE CENTRAL PRESS AT THE TIME. SHE WAS ALSO A CANDIDATE FROM ARGES COUNTY.

2. AS NOTED IN REFTELS (B) AND (C) CZECHS HAVE CLAIMED THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS IN FACT MADE AT ARGES, BUT EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF THIS FACT.

3. CEAUSESCU FOR LIFE EPISODE REMAINS ONE OF CONGRESS LOOSE ENDS WITH THEORIES RANGING FROM IT BEING A CAREFULLY CONCOCTED PLOY BY CEAUSESCU TO SHOW HIS MODESTY TO THAT WHICH HOLDS IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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A CLEVER PLOT BY ANTI-CEAUSESCU ELEMENTS TO EMBARRASS HIM.

OTHERS MAINTAIN IT WAS ALL SIMPLY A SPONTANEOUS GESTURE WHICH WENT OUT OF CONTROL. IN ANY CASE, IT TURNED OUT TO BE AN EPISODE WHICH CAUSED MUCH CONFUSION AND INDECISION AMONG THE PARTY RANK AND FILE AS WELL AS THE HIERARCHY, AND DID LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, TO PROMOTE CEAUSESCU'S IMAGE. IT MAY IN FACT HAVE CAST A SLIGHT SHADOW ON THAT IMAGE BY IMPLYING THAT HE HAS IMPLICITLY ACCEPTED SOME LIMITATION ON A FREEDOM OF ACTION HERETOFORE UNQUESTIONED.

4. EMBASSY WILL DUPLICATE AND POUCH COPY OF NEWSPAPER CITED REFTEL.  
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